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PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNS ALLARD'S LEGISLATION BANNING INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF COCKFIGHTING ROOSTERS INTO LAW COLORADO SENATOR WORKED MORE THAN 3 YEARS TO ENACT BAN

Washington, D.C. – A three year battle by U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) to outlaw the interstate transportation of roosters for the purpose of “cockfighting” came to an end on May 13th when President Bush signed the Farm Bill containing the Colorado lawmakers legislation.

“After more than a three year battle, we have finally achieved victory,” said Allard. “As a veterinarian, I view cockfighting as an inherently cruel and inhumane practice. I am pleased we are bringing parity to the laws governing animal fighting and giving law enforcement officials greater leverage to enforce state laws banning cockfighting.”

Allard began his effort to plug the cockfighting loophole in Animal Welfare Act in January, 1999. He successfully attached his legislation to the Farm Bill earlier this year during markup of the bill before the Senate Agriculture Committee and fought off a late effort by conferees to remove the legislation from the Farm Bill.

"We are very grateful to Senator Allard for leading the effort to crack down on cockfighting," said Wayne Pacelle, a senior vice president of The Humane Society of the United States, the nation's largest animal protection organization. "This is a barbaric practice, and it should receive no protection under state or federal law."